

## **FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

**Meeting Date:** April 14, 2016

**Agenda Item:** 2016 Mountain Goat Quotas Outside Biennial Quota Ranges

**Division:** Wildlife

**Action Needed:** Proposed

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 5 Min

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### **Background**

FWP proposes to reduce either-sex mountain goat licenses in HD 460 (Highwood Mountains) from 4 to 2 for the 2016 season, and change the quota range from 3 – 7 to 1 – 7. The reduction is necessary because of poor kid production in recent years. Supporting material is found in the season change justification included in the Commission packet.

### **Public Involvement Process & Results**

There is support from local wardens, area sportspeople and local landowners on the current goat management objectives in the Highwood Mountains. Area wardens Wendy Kamm and Bob Hammer were contacted regarding the proposal. Both were in support of the proposed license reduction. Public comment will be taken at this meeting and during a comment period that will be open until 5 p.m. on Friday, May 20. Final Commission action will take place at the June meeting.

### **Alternatives and Analysis**

No alternatives were considered.

### **Agency Recommendation & Rationale**

FWP recommends that the Commission approve for public comment the proposed change to reduce either-sex mountain goat licenses in HD 460 (Highwood Mountains) from 4 to 2 for the 2016 season, and change the quota range from 3 – 7 to 1 – 7.

### **Proposed Motion**

I move that the Commission approve for public comment the proposed change to reduce either-sex mountain goat licenses in HD 460 (Highwood Mountains) from 4 to 2 for the 2016 season, and change the quota range from 3 – 7 to 1 – 7 as recommended by FWP.